

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A switching device module comprising a frame (2), the switching device module being adapted to be connected to another switching device module for providing a modular switching device, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the frame (2) of the switching device module is provided with one or more wire troughs (8, 28), each of which is adapted to receive at least one wire of an auxiliary circuit of said modular switching device.

2. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the frame (2) of the switching device module is substantially in the shape of a rectangular parallelepiped, and ~~in that~~ the wire troughs (8) are placed inside planes defining the parallelepiped.

3. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the frame (2) comprises an openable cover part (10), the cover part (10) constituting at least one wall of at least one wire trough (8).

4. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ comprising a main shaft element (12), and ~~in that~~ said at least one wire trough (8), whose at least one wall is constituted by the openable cover part (10), is substantially parallel with the main shaft element (12).

5. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said at least one wire trough (8), whose at

least one wall is constituted by the openable cover part (10), extends linearly through the frame (2).

6. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim 4 ~~or 5, characterized in that it comprises~~ comprising at least one wire trough (28) extending substantially perpendicularly relative to the main shaft element (12).

7. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the switching device module comprises a cover side (4) and a bottom side (6), which are substantially parallel and located opposite each other, the bottom side (6) being adapted to be installed adjacent to a wall of an assembly space, such as a cubicle, and ~~in that~~ wherein the switching device module comprises at least one wire trough (28) extending substantially perpendicularly relative to the cover side (4).

8. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ comprising at least one wire trough (28) having one open longitudinal side facing the exterior of the module.

9. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the wire trough (28) having one open longitudinal side is located on such a side of the switching device module that is adapted to be positioned against an adjacent switching device module.

10. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in ~~anyone of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said wire of an auxiliary circuit of the switching device is a wire of a fuse monitor of a switch-fuse.

11. (Currently Amended) A switching device module as claimed in ~~any of one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said wire of an auxiliary circuit of the switching device is a wire of an auxiliary contact ~~(25)~~.

12. (New) A switching device module as claimed in claim 2, wherein the frame comprises an openable cover part, the cover part constituting at least one wall of at least one wire trough.

13. (New) A switching device module as claimed in claim 12, comprising at least one wire trough having one open longitudinal side facing the exterior of the module.

14. (New) A switching device module as claimed in claim 13, wherein the wire trough having one open longitude side is located on such a side of the switching device module that is adapted to be positioned against an adjacent switching device module.

15. (New) A switching device module as claimed in claim 14, wherein said wire of an auxiliary circuit of the switching device is a wire of a fuse monitor of a switch-fuse.

16. (New) A switching device module as claimed in claim 15, wherein said wire of an auxiliary circuit of the switching device is a wire of an auxiliary contact.